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ATHENS NICOSIA LONDON APRIL 14, 1978 REPEATED TO YOU QUOTE

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SUBJECT: CYPRUS: PROCEDURE ON TURKISH PROPOSALS

1. SUMMARY: UN UNDER SECRETARY URQUHART TOLD US THAT
FOLLOWING A CONVERSATION
BETWEEN ECEVIT AND WALDHEIM, LATTER ENVISAGES MAKING
BRIEF STATEMENT BEFORE LEAVING VIENNA FOR
MIDDLE EAST TO EFFECT THAT HE PLANS TO GO TO NICOSIA TO
DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS.
WHETHER SYG PRESENTS KYPRIANOU WITH OUTLINE, MAIN POINTS
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OR "GIST" OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS GIVEN TO HIM APRIL 13
IS STILL UNDECIDED. URQUHART THOUGHT THAT
WALDHEIM'S TALKS WITH KYPRIANOU COULD RESULT IN
UNDERSTANDING ON RESUMPTION OF INTERCOMMUNAL TALKS
ON THE BASIS OF LATEST TURKISH PROPOSALS AND EARLIER
CYPRIOT PROPOSALS. END SUMMARY.

2. UNDER SECRETARY URQUHART MET WITH AMB LEONARD LATE ON APRIL 13 TO DISCUSS URQUHART'S LATEST THINKING ON HANDLING TURKISH PROPOSALS WHICH HAD BEEN PRESENTED TO SYG WALDHEIM EARLIER IN VIENNA AS SCHEDULED. WALDHEIM HAD SPOKEN WITH PM ECEVIT ON BOTH NATURE OF PROPOSALS AND PROCEDURE. ECEVIT INDICATED CONSIDERABLY MORE FLEXIBILITY ON THE PROPOSALS DURING THE CONVERSATION THAN HAD BEEN REFLECTED IN THE WRITTEN DOCUMENTS. ECEVIT SUGGESTED THAT WRITTEN PROPOSALS CONSTITUTED TO A DEGREE THE FIRST BARGAINING POSITION. ECEVIT THEN AGREED WITH WALDHEIM'S REASONING AGAINST A FORMAL STATEMENT BY SYG, WITH UNDERSTANDING THAT WALDHEIM WOULD INFORM PRESS, PROBABLY ON APRIL 16, THAT HE WAS GOING TO NICOSIA TO DISCUSS THE RESUMPTION OF THE NEGOTIATING PROCESS. ECEVIT HAD ASKED SYG TO MAKE STATEMENT THAT HE HAD RECEIVED THE PROPOSALS, THAT HE CONSIDERED THEY WERE AN APPROPRIATE BASIS FOR THE CYPRUS TALKS, AND THAT HE WOULD RECONVENE THE TALKS RIGHT AWAY. URQUHART SAID WALDHEIM HAD OPPOSED THIS ECEVIT REQUEST FROM THE START.

3. THE UN IS UNDECIDED AT THE MOMENT ON THE FORM IN WHICH THE PROPOSALS SHOULD BE PRESENTED TO KYPRIANOU, I.E. THE MAIN POINTS, AN OUTLINE WITH MORE DETAIL, OR A TYPE OF "GIST" SUMMARY. URQUHART IMPLIED THAT THIS WAS NOT A SERIOUS PROBLEM, SINCE ULTIMATELY

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MOST OF WHAT THE UN HAS BEEN PRESENTED BY THE TURKS WILL BE CONVEYED TO THE GOC.

4. LEONARD STRESSED THAT IT WAS A POSITIVE SIGN THAT TURKS SEEMED WILLING TO GO FURTHER IN NEGOTIATIONS THAN THEY WERE PREPARED TO PUT DOWN IN WRITING. CASE IN POINT WAS VAROSHA ISSUE WHERE TURKS WOULD PERMIT RESETTLEMENT BY GREEKS EXCEPT IN SOME DISTRICTS BUT AREA WOULD REMAIN UNDER TURKISH "SOVEREIGNTY". LEONARD SUGGESTED "CONTROL" MIGHT MORE ACCURATELY SUBSTITUTE FOR "SOVEREIGNTY", BUT IN ANY EVENT THE TURKS WERE INDICATING MORE FLEXIBILITY ON VAROSHA THAN WAS SET OUT IN THE WRITTEN PROPOSALS.

5. OTHER ASPECTS OF THE TURKISH PROPOSALS ON TERRITORY INCLUDED TURKISH RELINQUISHING CLAIM TO THE "NO-MAN'S LAND" AND RETURNING FIVE "SMALL AREAS" ACCORDING TO URQUHART. HE ADDED THAT WALDHEIM WOULD PROPOSE RESUMING NEGOTIATIONS ON BASIS OF TURKISH PROPOSALS COUPLED WITH THOSE PUT FORWARD BY GOC AT LAST VIENNA ROUND. URQUHART

CAUTIONED, HOWEVER, THAT THIS SUGGESTION HAS NOT BEEN
EXPLORED WITH GOC AS YET.

6. THE SYG'S TRIP TO NICOSIA WILL BE NECESSARILY
BRIEF -- ABOUT 4 HOURS. URQUHART SAID
APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE ON APRIL 19 WOULD BE:
LEAVE TEL AVIV 7:00 A.M., ARRIVE LARNACA 7:50 A.M.,
HELICOPTER TO NICOSIA INTERNATIONAL AIRPORT
IMMEDIATELY, AND THEN ABOUT ONE HOUR WITH KYPRIANOU
(AND PRESUMABLY FM ROLANDIS AND OTHERS), FOLLOWED BY
AN APPOINTMENT WITH DENKTASH, LOOKING TOWARD A
12:15 P.M. TAKEOFF FOR NEW YORK. LEONARD UNQUOTE
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